## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a network auction comprising the steps of:

displaying information pertaining to an auction exhibit item which is registered in a network auction server to a bidder client;

recording an identification (ID) code of said bidder client when said bidder client requests a notification of the information pertaining to said auction exhibit item; and

notifying an updated transaction price to the bidder client having said identification (ID) code <u>automatically</u> when a transaction price changes <u>due to a bid submitted by another bidder client</u> from a price at its bidding by auction.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a network auction comprising the steps of:

creating an information image, which combines an image information pertaining to an auction exhibit item and a related information which establishes a communication with a network auction server via a manipulation of an operator in accordance with said image information as a single handling unit, when registering said image information pertaining to said auction exhibit item to said network auction server;

displaying said information image to a bidder client;

recording an identification (ID) code of said bidder client when said bidder client requests a notification of the information pertaining to said auction exhibit item; and

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notifying said bidder client having said ID code registered by displaying an information image in which data of an updated transaction price is superimposed on said information image <u>automatically</u> when a transaction price changes <u>due to a bid submitted by another bidder client from a price at its bidding by auction</u>.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a network auction comprising the steps of:

enabling an auction support server to prompt a registration of an image information pertaining to an auction exhibit item to submit to a network auction server;

creating an information image which combines as a single handling unit said image information pertaining to said auction exhibit item and a related information which establishes communication with a network auction server via a manipulation of an operator in accordance with said image information when said image information is registered,;

registering said information image in the network auction server;

recording an identification (ID) code of said bidder client in the auction support server when a bidder client requests a notification of the information on said auction exhibit item after viewing the information image registered; and

notifying an updated transaction price from the network auction server to the auction support server, and <u>automatically</u> notifying said updated transaction price from the auction support server to said bidding client having said identification (ID) code when an transaction price changes <del>from a price at its bidding</del> in the network auction server <u>due to a bid submitted by another bidder client by auction</u>.

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4. (Currently Amended) A method of a network auction support comprising the steps of:

prompting a registration of information pertaining to an auction exhibit item to submit to a network auction server;

registering said information in said network auction server when said information is registered;

recording an identification (ID) code of said bidder client when a bidder client request a notification of the information pertaining to said auction exhibit item after viewing said registered information; and

notifying an updated transaction price <u>automatically</u> to the bidder client having said identification (ID) code registered when it is notified that a transaction price in the network auction server changed <u>due to a bid submitted by another bidder client</u> from a price at its bidding by auction.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of network auction support comprising the steps of:

prompting a registration of an image information pertaining to an auction exhibit item to submit to a network auction server;

creating an information image, which combines an image information pertaining to said auction exhibit item and a related information which establishes communication with a network auction server via manipulation of an operator in accordance with said image information as a single handling unit, when said image information is registered;

registering said information image in the network auction server;

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recording an identification (ID) code of a bidder client when said bidder client requests a notification of the information pertaining to said auction exhibit item upon viewing said information image registered; and

notifying the bidder client corresponding to said identification code of an updated transaction price <u>automatically</u> when it is informed that a transaction price changes <del>from a price</del> at its bidding by auction in the network auction server <u>due to a bid submitted by another bidder</u> client.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of network auction support comprising the steps of:

prompting a registration of an image information pertaining to an auction exhibit item to submit to a network auction server;

creating an information image, which combines said image information pertaining to said auction exhibit item and a related information which establishes communication with the network auction server via manipulation of an operator in accordance with said image information as a single handling unit, when said image information is registered; and registering said information image in the network auction server; and

notifying a first bidder client automatically when a transaction price changes due to a bid submitted by another bidder client.

7. (Currently Amended) A network auction server:
enabling to display information pertaining to an auction exhibit item that has been registered in said network auction server to a bidder client;

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recording an identification (ID) code of the bidder client when said bidder client requests a notification of the information pertaining to said auction exhibit item; and notifying said bidder client corresponding to said identification code registered automatically of an updated transaction price when a transaction price changes due to a bid submitted by another bidder client changed from a price at its bidding by auction.

8. (Currently Amended) An auction support server:

prompting a registration of an image information pertaining to an auction exhibit item to submit to a network auction server;

creating an information image, which combines said image information pertaining to said auction exhibit item and a related information which establishes communication with the network auction server via manipulation of an operator in accordance with said image information as a single handling unit, upon registration of said image information; and registering said information image in the network auction server; and notifying a first bidder client automatically when a transaction price changes due to a bid submitted by another bidder client.

- 9. (Original) A recording medium which stores a program for a computer to execute, said computer functioning as the network auction server as claimed in claim 7.
- 10. (Original) A recording medium which stores a program for a computer to execute, said computer functioning as the auction support server as claimed in claim 8.

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